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MBFR PLENARY OCT 30

BEGIN SUMMARY: DURING THE AFTERNOON SESSION UNDER US CHAIRMANSHIP, OPENING STATEMENTS WERE HEARD FROM THE REPRESENTATIVES OF HUNGARY, ITALY, LUXEMBOURG, NETHERLANDS, NORWAY, POLAND AND ROMANIA. THE THREE EASTERN SPEAKERS INCLUDED CALLS FOR A WIDER EUROPEAN PARTICIPATION IN THE VIENNA CONFERENCE, AS HAD CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND THE GDR EARLIER. POLAND MADE AN APPARENT REFERENCE TO REDUCTION IN NUCLEAR WEAPONS. ROMANIA STRESSED THE NEED FOR WIDER CONTINENTAL DISARMAMENT NEGOTIATIONS, VIEWING THE VIENNA TALKS AS ONLY ONE STEP TOWARDS THIS OBJECTIVE. NEXT PLENARY MEETING AT 1030, OCT 31, UNDER BELGIAN CHAIRMANSHIP WILL COMPLETE
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PRESENTATION OF OPENING STATEMENTS. END SUMMARY.

1. THE PRESENTATION BY HUNGARIAN REPRESENTATIVE PETRAN CONTAINED THE SUGGESTION, AS DID THE CZECHOSLOVAKIAN AND GDR STATEMENTS EARLIER, THAT THE CONFERENCE BE OPEN TO EUROPEAN STATES OTHER THAN THOSE REPRESENTED AT VIENNA: "SINCE THE QUESTION OF REDUCTION OF FORCES AND ARMAMENTS IS SO IMPORTANT THAT IT MAKES EVERY EUROPEAN STATE INTERESTED IN IT, WE ARE ALSO OF THE OPINION THAT IT WOULD BE ADVISABLE TO EXAMINE THE QUESTION OF THE PARTICIPATION IN THE NEGOTIATIONS OF THOSE OTHER EUROPEAN STATES WHICH MAY WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN THEM IN ONE OR ANOTHER CAPACITY." THE HUNGARIAN STATEMENT ALSO MADE THE POINT THAT HUNGARY WAS "PARTICIPATING IN THESE NEGOTIATIONS WITH A SPECIAL STATUS."

2. MINISTER TADEUSZ STRULAK, SPEAKING FOR POLAND, LIKEWISE CALLED FOR WIDER PARTICIPATION. STRESSING THAT MANY EUROPEAN COUNTRIES OTHER THAN THOSE PRESENT HAD AN INTEREST IN THE TALKS, HE SAID "WE SHOULD LIKE TO RECALL AND REITERATE HERE OUR UNCHANGED POSITION AS TO THE RIGHT OF THOSE COUNTRIES TO PARTICIPATE, IN A CORRESPONDING WAY, IN THESE DISCUSSIONS." THE POLISH STATEMENT, IN CALLING FOR CONCRETE REDUCTION MEASURES, SPECIFIED THAT SUCH MEASURES "WOULD HAVE TO COMPRISE BOTH NATIONAL AND FOREIGN TROOPS AS WELL AS ARMAMENTS, INCLUDING THE MOST DEVASTATING WEAPONS SYSTEMS." STRULAK SPOKE GLOWINGLY OF CSCE, ADDING THAT COMPLETION OF ITS ENDEAVORS "WILL NO DOUBT BE NEEDED FOR OUR SUCCESS."

3. AMBASSADOR DUMITRA ANINOIU OF ROMANIA IN HIS STATEMENT MAINTAINED ESSENTIALLY THE ATTITUDES DEVELOPED LAST SPRING, VISUALIZING THE VIENNA CONFERENCE AS ONLY ONE STEP IN A SERIES OF DISARMAMENT MEASURES IN WHICH ALL THE STATES OF THE CONTINENT WOULD PARTICIPATE. HE DECLARED THAT "WE CONSIDER THAT NEGOTIATIONS WITHIN A LIMITED FORUM SUCH AS THESE IN VIENNA SHOULD NOT PRECLUDE THE INITIATION OF NEGOTIATIONS CONCERNING MILITARY ASPECTS IN THE WHOLE OF EUROPE OR IN OTHER ZONES OF EUROPE." AMONG CONCRETE MEASURES FOR THE VIENNA CONFERENCE ENVISAGED BY HIS DELEGATION WERE "THOSE REGARDING THE REDUCTION AND FINALLY THE WITHDRAWAL WITHIN THEIR NATIONAL BORDERS OF ALL FOREIGN TROOPS STATIONED ON THE TERRITORY OF OTHER STATES." THE ROMANIAN AMBASSADOR ALSO CALLED FOR INVITATIONS OF OTHER EUROPEAN STATES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE VIENNA NEGOTIATIONS.

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4. HE STRESSED THAT WHILE ROMANIA WOULD PARTICIPATE CONSTRUCTIVELY IN THE PRESENT TALKS, "IT WILL NOT PARTICIPATE IN DECISIONS OF SUBSTANCE, AND WILL NOT SIGN THE DOCUMENTS AND AGREEMENTS WHICH WILL BE REACHED, CONSIDERING THAT TO BE WITHIN THE COMPETENCE OF THE STATES DIRECTLY CONCERNED." HOWEVER, HE EMPHASIZED THAT HIS DELEGATION WOULD EXERCISE ITS RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN WORKING GROUPS.

5. THE NEXT PLENARY MEETING, AT WHICH THE OPENING STATEMENTS OF
TURKEY, USSR, UK AND US WILL BE PRESENTED, WILL CONVENE OCTOBER
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